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SUBJECT: MCCLELLAN FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASE

REF: MOSCOW 214

1. DURING THAT PORTION OF DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KORNIIYENKO'S MARCH 1 RESPONSE TO OUR DECEMBER 14 DEMARCHE ON CSCE WHEN HE CLAIMED THAT DURING 1976 SOVIET ACTIONS ON FAMILY REUNIFICATION CASES WAS 98:4 PERCENT POSITIVE, AMBASSADOR INTERVENED TO RAISE CASE OF MRS. MCCLELLAN (REFTEL), NOTING THAT HER PLIGHT HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY AND LEADING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. THE AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE CASE COULD BE RESOLVED QUICKLY AND POSITIVELY. HE SAID FRANKLY HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN SO NEGATIVE.

2. KORNIIYENKO SAID HE COULD NOT GIVE US THE DETAILS, BUT THIS WAS AN "EXCEPTIONAL CASE" AND THE SOVIET SIDE HAD ALREADY INFORMED FORMER SECRETARY KISSINGER OF ITS NEGATIVE DECISION. PRESSED BY THE AMBASSADOR FOR AN EXPLANATION, KORNIIYENKO FINALLY SAID, "I AM SURE THAT THERE ARE THOSE ON YOUR SIDE WHO UNDERSTAND THE REASONS." WHEN THE AMBASSADOR ASKED THAT THE CASE BE REVIEWED AGAIN,
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AT HIS PERSONAL REQUEST, KORNIIYENKO SAID "A REQUEST IS A REQUEST, BUT I CANNOT GIVE YOU AN ASSURANCE THAT THE CASE WILL BE GIVEN POSITIVE CONSIDERATION."

3. ACTION REQUESTED. CAN THE DEPARTMENT ENLIGHTEN US RE KORNIIYENKO'S ASSERTION THAT SOMEONE ON THE U.S. SIDE IS AWARE OF THE CONCRETE REASONS FOR THE SOVIETS

NEGATIVE STANCE? WE NOTE THAT IN NOVEMBER 29, 1976 LETTER
TO AMBASSADOR, PROFESSOR MCCLELLAN STATED THAT IN AUGUST
1974 SOVIETS SAID HIS WIFE KNEW "STATE SECRETS",
AND THAT IN JANUARY 1976 GROMYKO TOLD KISSINGER THAT
IRINA AND HER MOTHER HAD WORKED FOR KGB AND THAT SOVIETS
CONSIDERED MCCLELLAN TO BE U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENT SEEKING
TO PENETRATE SOVIET INTELLIGENCE VIA THE MARRIAGE. TO
OUR KNOWLEDGE, SOVIETS HAVE NOT, HOWEVER, OFFICIALLY
RESPONDED TO OUR REPEATED REQUESTS WITH SPECIFIC REASON
FOR REFUSING MCCLELLAN EXIT VISA.
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